

*The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the  
United Nations Emergency Force*

**Decisions**

In a note dated 12 January 1977,<sup>47</sup> the President of the Security Council recalled that the Secretary-General had informed the Council, on 30 November 1976, that he had agreed to release Lieutenant-General Bengt Liljestrand from his assignment as Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) as from 1 December 1976 and that, in the meantime, the Deputy Commander of UNEF, Major-General Rais Abin, would officiate as Acting Commander of the Force. The President further stated that, on 7 January 1977, he had received another communication from the Secretary-General on the same issue, in which the Secretary-General had informed the Council of his intention to appoint Major-General Rais Abin as Commander of UNEF. The President, after consultations with all members of the Council, addressed the following reply to the Secretary-General:

"The President of the Security Council has the honour to refer to the note by the Secretary-General dated 7 January 1977, with regard to the intention of the Secretary-General, if the Council so consents, of appointing Major-General Rais Abin as Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF).

"On the basis of consultations with the members of the Security Council, the President wishes to inform the Secretary-General that the Council gives its consent to the proposed appointment of Major-General Rais Abin as Commander of UNEF.

"The delegations of China and the Libyan Arab Republic dissociate themselves from the matter."

At its 2035th meeting, on 21 October 1977, the Council, following the adoption of its agenda, proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force (S/12416)".<sup>48</sup>

<sup>47</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977*, document S/12274.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement for October, November and December 1977.

**Resolution 416 (1977)**

of 21 October 1977

*The Security Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 338 (1973) of 22 October, 340 (1973) of 25 October and 341 (1973) of 27 October 1973, 346 (1974) of 8 April and 362 (1974) of 23 October 1974, 368 (1975) of 17 April, 371 (1975) of 24 July and 378 (1975) of 23 October 1975, and 396 (1976) of 22 October 1976,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force,<sup>49</sup>

Having noted the developments in the situation in the Middle East,<sup>50</sup>

Recalling the Secretary-General's view that any relaxation of the search for a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem could be dangerous and his hope that urgent efforts would be undertaken by all concerned to tackle the Middle East problem in all its aspects, with a view both to maintaining quiet in the region and to arriving at the comprehensive settlement called for by the Security Council in its resolution 338 (1973),

Noting that the Secretary-General recommends the extension of the mandate of the Force for one year,

1. *Decides:*

(a) To call upon all the parties concerned to implement immediately Security Council resolution 338 (1973);

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force for a period of one year, that is, until 24 October 1978;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit at the end of this period a report on the developments in the situation and on the steps taken to implement resolution 338 (1973);

2. *Expresses its confidence* that the Force will be maintained with maximum efficiency and economy.

*Adopted at the 2035th meeting by 13 votes to none.<sup>51</sup>*

<sup>49</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/12416.

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/12417.

<sup>51</sup> Two members (China and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) did not participate in the voting.

*The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights*

**Decisions**

At its 2041st meeting, on 27 October 1977, the Council decided to extend an invitation, under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure, to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to participate in the discussion of the item entitled "The question of the

exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights: letter dated 13 September 1977 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to the President of the Security Council (S/12399)".<sup>52</sup>

<sup>52</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977*.